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N. C. STATE NEWS

A Digest of Everything Worth Knowing About Old North State Folks and Things

—Franklin has voted in favor of a bond issue for the construction of a modern municipal water plant, which will be owned and operated by the city.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Aman of Onslow county have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Aman is a Confederate veteran, having served during the whole four years under Lee and Jackson.

—With five terms of enlistment to his credit, the first beginning in 1904, Joseph M. Docker of Hot Springs has recently begun his sixth term of service in the United States Army. Joseph likes the army.

—Following the recent examinations of the North Carolina Medical Board, 82 physicians, including 23 reciprocity applicants have been licensed to practice their profession in the State. Only 9 applicants have failed to pass the examinations.

—Over \$300,000 has been raised in a special campaign for additional endowment for Elon College, according to recent reports. The campaign closed officially June 30, but belated subscriptions have brought the total well over the goal set.

—Hyman ward, former policeman of Goldsboro, was blown from a scaffold Monday afternoon, in a severe wind storm, and sustained a broken arm, three broken ribs and a severe cut over the eye. Hyman says even the weather has it in for the cops.

—President Wilson has killed the daylight-saving repeal law by failing to sign the agricultural bill of which it was a rider. Advocates of sun-time hope, however, to pass it over the President's veto by gaining a two-thirds vote of the House.

—Two ordinary galvanized wash tubs, welded together in the form of a large kettle were converted into a good illicit still by some unknown blockader in Wake county. When found by revenue officers it was in the furnace and showed signs of having been used the night before.

—Len Smith, colored, of Wake county has recently celebrated his 106th birthday. He has 8 children, 42 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. Smith owns more than 400 acres of land, and has made a crop every year since he gained freedom except this one.

—Col. Albert L. Cox, who commanded a regiment in the 30th Division, and who has been mentioned as a probable candidate for the governorship in the next election, has positively announced that he will not run for the office in 1920. This now leaves the field to Morrison, Page and Gardner.

—Three negroes were burned to death and one hurt in a collision between the automobile in which they were riding and a Seaboard engine near Cary, on Sunday. The gas tank of the car exploded immediately after the impact of the powerful locomotive, bringing swift and horrible death to the occupants of the car.

—By means of a burglar alarm which he had rigged up in his store and connected to a bell in his home, Marvin Mangum, small storekeeper of Lakeview Park near Durham, recently nabbed a colored youth in the act of stealing goods. The negro was tried and bound over to the Superior Court on \$500 bond.

—The first property valuation report to reach the State Tax Commission under the 1919 revaluation law is from White Oak Township, Carteret County, and shows an increase in the value of taxable property of 334 per cent. The Tax Commission is highly gratified at this evidence of compliance with the spirit and purpose of the revaluation act in Carteret county.

—As a part of the social entertainment to be provided visitors to the Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention to be held at the State College of Agriculture on August 27, 28 and 29, some of the county men and women agents, together with other extension specialists, will endeavor to present a rural drama, "Kindling the Hearth Fire" by Estelle Cook of the University of Minnesota.

—The Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance company of North Carolina has been organized by the North Carolina Merchants' Association for the benefit of its members. No policies will be issued outside of the State, and none to persons who are not members of the Merchants' Association. A guaranty fund of \$25,000 has been deposited with the State Insurance Department. The company already has pledges of insurance to the amount of \$46,000.

—Ammie A. Cumber of Wilmington, victim of a ferocious knife attack by Horace Gorman, has died from the effects of his wounds. The man was dismembered, his collar bone cut through, two ribs severed and punctures made in his lungs. The fight is alleged to have had its cause in attentions paid Cumber's wife by Gorman, who denies that he ever made her any advance. Gorman is being held on a charge of murder.

—The tobacco markets of Robeson county opened Tuesday, July 15, with excellent prospects for a particularly good tobacco season. Robeson has long been known as a leading tobacco county, and the acreage has been much increased this year. Seven hundred new tobacco barns have been built in the county this year. As indicative of the prosperity of Robeson, 13 of the 25 townships of the county have already voted issues of road bonds to the amount of \$750,000.

—Changed from a charming and attractive young girl into a mental wreck and a hopeless invalid, as the result of a collision between a street car and the automobile in which she was riding, Miss Ada Tyler, of

Raleigh through her father John P. Tyler, has brought suit for \$100,000 damages against the Carolina Light and Power Company, owners of the Raleigh traction lines. This is the largest amount ever asked for in an action in the Wake county courts.

—Not wishing to be a party to the sudden and untimely departure of any of the State's citizenship, Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway Commission has declined to accept for road blasting purposes any part of the nine million tons of T.N.T. which is among the remnants of war in the Government ordnance department. T. N. T. is one of the most powerful and dangerous explosives known, and on account of its content of nitro-glycerine is banned by the State law from use for blasting purposes.

—The State Highway Commission expects soon to have 175 big Nash quad trucks for distribution among the various counties engaged in better roads projects. The trucks are being furnished by the Department of Agriculture, to which they were given by the War Department. It is probable that they will be awarded on the basis of one truck to every 25 miles of roads under construction. 45 of these trucks have already been received, and will be immediately distributed among the counties whose present need for trucks is greatest.

—Marcus M. Smith, 50 years old, well known in Raleigh as a blockade preacher and proprietor of a "Home for the Poor, working girls especially," has been arrested on indictments charging vagrancy, aiding and abetting prostitution, and maintaining a house for immoral purposes. Smith's advertisements portray him as a philanthropist and friend of the "poor girl." He also deals extensively in second-hand books. His arrest followed a night's stay in the "Home for the Poor," by a female operative of the Raleigh vice bureau, who afterward asserted that Smith tried to kiss her, and told stories of various other girls who had lodged there, stressing the safety of the place as far as the law was concerned.

—As the culmination of a long factional fight in Warren county over school affairs, there are now two boards of education, each claiming to be the rightfully appointed board. It seems that the fight is centered around Howard P. Jones, former superintendent of schools who claims still to be legally in office and E. P. Dixon, recently appointed superintendent by two members of the board of education who were appointed to the board by the General Assembly. Members of the "old" board favoring Jones are holding the books, records and seals, which they refuse to turn over to the "new" board, by whom Dixon was appointed. A recent decision of the State Superintendent confirming the appointment of Dixon seems to dispose of the affair as far as the Jones faction is concerned.

What You Make It.
"After all," a man writes, "life is merely the act of going to one's grave." Not much in that; it is hardly worth printing. Life is long and full of interest, opportunity and pleasure. Life is abused unjustly and untruthfully.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

All He Wanted.
There was a plate of cake on the table and Guy's grandmother asked him which piece he would have. "I'll take any piece so long as it's a good big one," was his unselfish reply.



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Miles Jennings says it's funny what a rushing business the doctors have been doing since Elizabeth City's Fourth of July celebration.

One naturally expected Elizabeth City's pioneer humorist to explain that a lot of people got sick eating ice cream and drinking pop. But, Mr. Jennings says that isn't it at all; he says the doctors have been kept busy treating sunburned tonsils. He says hundreds of people got their tonsils sunburned watching the airplane flights.

A \$125,000 BULL

Henry Ford, manufacturer of the famous Tin Lizzie, bought a prize bull the other day for which he paid the magnificent sum of \$125,000. The bull is a two year old Guernsey. Mr. Ford will use his bulship to improve live stock in his section of Michigan.

MICKIE SAYS

WHEN YOU'VE SENT OUT A BUNCH O' STATEMENTS TO DISTANT SUBSCRIBERS AND YOU GOT T' WONDERIN' IF THEY'LL PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THEM AT ALL, 'N THEN TWO OR THREE DAYS LATER YOU BEGIN T' GET A LOTTA FRIENDLY LETTERS WITH CHECKS 'N DRAFTS IN 'EM, OH, BOY! AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'!!



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